

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of December 29, 2006, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on March 29, 2007, and which has been extended, by the herein enclosed Request for Extension of Time, to expire on April 30, 2007 (April 29, 2007 being a Sunday), Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action, in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this Response.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 4 of this Response.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this Response.